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Students Win in Forensics, Swimming

Missouri School for the Blind students competed in a swimming and forensics meet at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired the weekend of March 18 and came home with numerous wins.

Breck Campbell placed first in poetry, followed closely by David Brown in sec-

ond place. Leticia Eckhoff won third prize in Serious Prose Reading.

Among swimmers, Jillian McBroom took first place in the 100 meter backstroke and placed in the top five in all her other events.

The next meet students will attend is the NCASB Conference championship meet,

which will be held the weekend of April 29 at the Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus.

Patti Schonlau is forensics coach and Shaughn Doyel coaches swimming.

"They Are So Much Help!"



LIFE students Emily Pope (left) and Khrystal Coleman begin stuffing envelopes under the direction of teacher Melissa Moore at the Humane Society office on Macklind Ave. MSB students volunteer at the Humane Society once a week as part of the LIFE curriculum. The students' work fulfills an important function for the organization, according to Kathy Hacker, Administrative Coordinator. "They are so much help! We look forward to them coming and always have plenty of work for them to do." Ms. Hacker said that Emily and Khrystal stuff all the Humane Society donor thank you cards and assemble letters and special mailings.

CALENDAR

Awards Assembly, 2 p.m.	April 5
USABA Trivia Night	April 9
Spring ACT Testing	April 11-14
Spring Break—No Classes	April 18-22
Easter Sunday	April 24
Professional Development Day	April 25
NCASB Conference Swim & Forensics Meet at Ohio	April 29-May 1
MSB Alumni Weekend	May 20-22



Braille Challenge Winners



Braille Challenge first place winners Tabitha Jenkins, Apprentice Division (top photo) and Amber Attaway, Varsity Division (middle photo) receive their prizes from Asst. Supt. Joy Waddell. In the lower photo Varsity competitors Lauren Arnold, (second place), Amber Lacey and Chris Wilhelm check their work. Other second place winners were Josh Starner and Khrystal Coleman. The Braille Challenge was held at MSB February 17 and was attended by 25 St. Louis area students.

Braille Contestants Read Lots of Pages!



Braille Readers Are Leaders contestants read thousands of pages between November and January for the 28th annual competition sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), National Association to Promote the Use of Braille (NAPUB) and the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC). MSB's first place winner in grades 9-12, Kathryn Hurd, above right, receives her award from Stephanie McDowell of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB). Kathryn read 2,273 pages. Other MSB winners are as follows: grades 4-5 - Zyshaun Cross-Williams, first place and most improved; James Rogers, second place; grades 6-8 - Kenia Cazares, first; Josh Starner, second; grades 9-12 - Khrystal Coleman, second; Breck Campbell, most improved.

AFB Offers Scholarships

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is offering seven post-secondary education scholarship for up to 11 students who are legally blind:

Delta Gamma Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Ferdinand Torres Scholarship, \$3,500; Gladys C. Anderson Memorial

Scholarship, \$1,000; Karen D. Carsel Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Paul W. Ruckes Scholarship, \$1,000; R.L. Gillette Scholarship, two at \$1,000 each; Rudolph Dillman Memorial Scholarship, four at \$2,500 each.

For more information visit www.afb.org/scholarships.asp.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 6	WILLIAM PEEPLE
APRIL 7	BRIDGET MCKENNA
APRIL 13	TIM GASPER
APRIL 20	LYNN NAVY
APRIL 23	BEVERLY HAYES

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!

MSB's Vintage Bowling Alley Gets Makeover

Thanks to the Bowlers' Proprietors, Marquette High School students and Deafblind Vision Supervisor Susan Bonner, MSB's vintage bowling lanes are getting a complete make-over.

Ms. Bonner, who is an avid bowler, noticed the well-used state of MSB's two-lane bowling alley and arranged with Gary Voss, President of the Bowlers' Proprietors, to upgrade it.

The make-over has already begun, with

Marquette students outlining colorful murals to be painted on both sides of the wall (see photos at right). The artists will finish the murals on April 3.

When the painting is done Mr. Voss will arrange for new lighting and scoring tables and will refinish the wood floors. In addition the damaged bowling balls and pins will be discarded and replaced.

All work is expected to be completed by late April. Check it out!



Partially-completed mural on south side of bowling alley (above) and outline of mural on north side of alley (below). All murals will be in full color.



VSA Missouri Book Signing and Reading

To celebrate the publication of *Where We Can Read the Wind*, VSA Missouri, the state organization on arts and disability, is sponsoring a book signing, reading and reception on Sunday, April 17, 3-5 p.m. at the Regional Arts Commission, 6128 Delmar.

Where We Can Read the Wind is an anthology of work by Missouri writers and artists with disabilities. In

addition to the book, on display will be sculptures and abstract expressionist paintings.

Copies of the book (in both print and Braille), along with artwork and writing by contributors will be on display and for sale.

All contributors have experienced a disability, including blindness, deafness, mental illness or a physical or cognitive disability.

For information call 888-718-0866.

Time to Sign Up for Space Camp

Space Camp 2011 for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS) will be held Sept. 24-30, 2011, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL.

SCIVIS is open to blind and legally blind children ages 9-18.

Lighthouse for the Blind will provide scholarships for meals, lodging, programming and materials.

For information or to register go to: <http://www.lhbindustries.com/Our-Outreach/Programs/Space-Camps.aspx>.



Ceramic Art: High school students in Ms. Lynnie McElwee's art class fashioned and glazed these ceramic figures illustrating a favorite theme. Tabitha Jenkins sculpted "Bad Guys in Movies," Trevon Graves illustrated "Dance Styles," Carolyn McGhee pictured "Favorite Writers," Brynn Haines portrayed "Super Heroes" and Lauren Arnold showed her "Favorite Musicians." Not shown are Amber Lacey's "Famous Americans," Amber Attaway's "Girls in Fantasy," Torey Pingel's "Bible Characters," Ellaun Williams' "Villains" and Aaron Wolfe's "Greek Gods." Figures are on display in the Back Lobby.



Half Price Tickets to Fox

The Lighthouse for the Blind will pay half the price of show tickets for a legally blind person and their companion to selected descriptive audio shows at the Fox Theatre.

Shows being offered at half price are:

Next to Normal, Apr. 21, 8 p.m.

Jersey Boys, May 19, 8 p.m.

Billy Elliot, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.

For information or to purchase a ticket contact Angie Yorke, 423-4333.

Trivia Night
to benefit USABA
Saturday, April 9
Epiphany of Our Lord
Catholic Church Gym
6596 Smiley
\$15/ person
(\$120/table)
Call 647-0093
for information
or to register